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Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Specification

On page 1, after the title, insert the following paragraph:

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This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S.S.N. 09/456,370, filed December 8, 1999. This application also claims priority from French application